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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OVIP (MONDALE, WALTER F.), GW  
SUBJECT: CHANCELLOR REFERS TO VICE PRESIDENT'S VISIT  
IN BUNDESTAG SPEECH

1. DURING THE BUNDESTAG DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT  
DECLARATION OF DECEMBER 16, CHANCELLOR HELMUT SCHMIDT  
MENTIONED THE PLANNED VISIT OF VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE  
TO THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC. SCHMIDT BEGAN BY SAYING THAT  
MANIFOLD PERSONAL CONTACTS WITH THE NEW ADMINISTRATION  
HAD BEGUN SOME TIME AGO AND THAT PRESIDENT CARTER,  
VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE AND HE HAD MET BEFORE  
U.S. ELECTION DAY. THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT THE  
GERMANS WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE VICE PRESIDENT'S  
VISIT NEXT WEEK WITH GREAT EXPECTATIONS. HE PRAISED  
THE CLOSE COOPERATION THAT HAD EXISTED BETWEEN HIS  
GOVERNMENT AND PRESIDENT FORD AS WELL AS SECRETARY  
KISSINGER, AND SAID THAT HE WAS ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED  
THAT COOPERATION WOULD BE EQUALLY AS GOOD WITH THE  
NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT. BY RE-ESTABLISHING THE  
CONFIDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE PRESIDENCY,  
PRESIDENT FORD HAD RENDERED A GREAT SERVICE TO HIS  
ALLIANCE PARTNERS.

2. SCHMIDT SAID THAT HE EXPECTED THAT IN THE FUTURE THE  
FRG AND THE US WOULD DEAL WITH SUCH ISSUES AS CONTINUED  
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DETENTE POLICY, SALT II AND MBFR. TURNING TO THE  
ISSUE OF NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION, HE SAID:

BEGIN QUOTE -- I DO NOT WANT TO KEEP IT A SECRET THAT  
WE WILL GET CLOSELY TOGETHER WITH THE NEW U.S. ADMINIS-  
TRATION IN CONNECTION WITH A MATTER THAT SEEMED  
COMPLETELY SETTLED BY THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY AND

THE CONNECTED AGREEMENTS. PROBLEMS HAVE COME UP WHICH WERE NOT ENVISAGED THAT WAY TEN YEARS AGO WHEN THE NONPROLIFERATION TREATY WAS INAUGURATED. PROBLEMS HAVE COME UP FOR THE AMERICANS AT ANY RATE, PROBLEMS WE MUST TAKE SERIOUSLY. ON THE OTHER HAND WE WILL BE ENTERING THESE TALKS WITH A VERY GOOD CONSCIENCE BECAUSE WE FULFILLED OUR CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS, AND BECAUSE WE WANT TO FULFILL THE CONTRACTUAL COMMITMENTS WE HAVE MADE IN THE MEANTIME. END QUOTE

3. HE CONCLUDED BY SAYING THAT THE OTHER GREAT ISSUE TO BE TAKEN UP WAS THE COORDINATION OF ECONOMIC POLICY OF THE GREAT INDUSTRIAL STATES OF THE WORLD.

4. ALTHOUGH NOTHING NEW ENTERED IN THE DEBATE IN THE BUNDESTAG, SCHMIDT GAVE AN IMPRESSIVE PERFORMANCE AND SEEMED TO BE MORE SELF-CONFIDENT AND LIVELY THAN AT ANY TIME IN RECENT WEEKS. CLEARLY, HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO THE MEETING WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT. STOESEL

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